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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 9945

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TAGS: SNAR (TH, LA)

SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS, WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1973

HQS PASS BELK/ IA, DURKIN/ ENCC FROM DOYLE

WHITE HOUSE PASS L. GLADDEN FROM DOYLE/ BNDD

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD CMDO
PERSONNEL ACCOMPANIED BY COSNO AND DCOSNO TRAVELED TO
THE MAI SAI, CHIANG MAI AND LAMPANG SNO AREA OFFICES ON A
COMBINATION INSPECTION AND ITELLIGENCE GATHERING TRIP.
SNO PERSONNEL AT EACH GARRISON WERE QUERIED REGARDING
THEIR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS AND RESPONDED WITH A NEED
FOR VEHICLES E. G., BAHT BUSES WHICH WOULD ENHANCE THEIR
UNDERCOVEROPERATIONS AND BICYCLES TO FACILITATE THEIR
C. I.' S TRANSPORTATION. THESE REQUESTS WERE RELAYED TO E.
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ROSENTHAL ON HIS TRIP TO CHIANG MAI ON JUNE 18, 1973.

D) OPERATION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REFERENCE
THE SEIZURE OF THE OPIUM CARAVAN ON JUNE 20, 1973 AND SNO'S
ROLE IN SAME WILL FOLLOW IN A JOINT AMCON TELEGRAM.
INVESTIGATIONS ON TARGETED VIOLATORS ARE
CONTINUING AT EACH SNO GARRISON AND VEHICLE CHECKS CONTINUE
TO AVERAGE AROUND 150 PER WEEK.

E) GENERAL COMMENT: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD
CMDO PERSONNEL AND COSNO GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO MR. SIMMS,
A REPORTER FROM TIME MAGAZINE REGARDING SNO'S INVOLVEMENT
IN THE SUPPRESSION OF NARCOTICS IN NORTHERN THAILAND.

2. TASK FORCE 27 (GSI)

A) PERSONNEL: LTC KHAMPHAY PHANOUVONG HAS BEEN
APPOINTED AS ACTING CHIEF OF THE GSI BAN HOUET SAI DISTRICT
OFFICE WITH THE FORMER CHIEF, MAJOR KHAMPHOUT, AS HIS
ASSISTANT. KHAMPHAY WAS FORMERLY DISTRICT CHIEF OF THE
LUANG PRABANG DISTRICT OFFICE.

CAPTAIN PHOUVANH HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS
ACTING CHIEF OF THE GSI LUANG PRABANG DISTRICT OFFICE.

LIEUTENANT PHONESAVATH BOUPHA HAS BEEN
APPOINTED AS ACTING CHIEF OF THE GSO SAYABOURY DISTRICT
OFFICE. MAJOR BLY BLONG, FORMER CHIEF, AND 2ND LT. SIRIDETH
HAVE BEEN REASSIGNED TO VIENTIANE:

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE.

D) OPERATIONS:

A. BAN HOUET SAI: NOTHING SIGNIFICANT

B. SAYABOURY: NOTHING SIGNIFICANT.

C) PAKSE: S/A VOPAT AND LTC SOUNTHONE

TRAVELED TO PAKSE ON JUNE 20 AND 21 TO INVESTIGATE
ALLEGATIONS OF PRECURSORS AT THE TEK CHIENG STORE AND
ONE AAM CARIBOU SUSPECTED OF TRANSPORTING OPIUM TO UDORN,
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THAILAND. BOTH ALLEGATIONS PROVED TO BE FALSE.

D) LUANG PRABANG: ARRESTED CHANE SOUK ON
JUNE 11 TH AND SEIZED 2 PONGS RAW OPIUM AS WELL AS \$1,600
IN PATHET LAO CURRENCY.

E. VIENTIANE:

1. ON JUNE 16 TH GSI TRAVELED TO
PAK LY AND SEARCHED TWO FREIGHT BOATS SUSPECTED OF MOVING

OPIUM. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

2. ON JUNE 20 TH ONGOING UNDERCOVER

NEGOTIATIONS WITH A CHINESE SUSPECT AT BAN XON ELICITED
HIS CLAIM OF HAVING 20 KILOGRAMS NUMBER 4 HEROIN UNDER
HIS CONTROL. NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUING.

3. ON JUNE 21 ST, GSI ARRESTED TWO LAO

MALES AT PHONE HONG IN POSSESSION OF 2 KILOGRAMS OF RAW
OPIUM.

4. ON JUNE 13-15 GSI CONDUCTED

CHECKPOINT OPERATIONS ON THE LUANG PRABAN HIGHWAY NORTH
OF VIENTIANE. NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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